



## **COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **AGENDA**

**Wednesday, July 20, 2016**

**6:30 pm in ACC Veterans Resource Center (Highland Mall)  
6001 Airport Blvd  
Austin, TX 78752**

#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Jason Denny – Chair  
Pete Salazar – Vice Chair  
Douglas O’Connell  
Phillip Gutierrez  
George Bailey Harrington  
Adrenne Mendoza

Molly Potter  
David Thomas  
Guillermo Villarreal  
Nicholas Van Zandt  
Lloyd Phillips

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Citizens signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Consider approval of the minutes from the Commission on Veterans Affairs regular meeting on June 15, 2016

#### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the top three priorities for our Veterans in the City of Austin.
  - i. Homeless Veterans:
  - ii. Employment, Transitioning Vets and Education:
  - iii. Female Veterans:
- b. Update and next step in regards to the Veterans park initiative for the City of Austin.
- c. Update and status of the Veteran Business Enterprise (VBE) for the City of Austin from the Assistant Director of the Small Minority and Business Resources (SMBR) Office Debra Dibble.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Introduction to newly appointed commissioner from Council Member Garza's Office, Adrenne Mendoza
- b. Follow up and discussion on the Texas Veterans and Family Alliance (TV+FA) Grant program by Commissioner Pete Salazar
- c. Overview and presentation on organization "Our Digital Heroes" from Commissioner Pete Phillips. Our Digital Heroes is an Austin based disabled Veterans foundation who creates opportunities for hard to employ Veterans.
- d. Update and status of the Annual Veterans Commission Report – Due July 31

#### **5. STAFF UPDATES**

- a. Women Veterans Honor Flight
- b. Soldier Internship Update
- c. Veterans Day Parade

#### **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Please call Allen Bergeron at the Veterans Program Department at 512-974-3459 or Allen.Bergeron@austintexas.gov for additional information; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711.

For more information on the Veterans Commission, please contact Tina Lee at 512-974-3306 or visit <http://www.austintexas.gov/content/commission-veterans-affairs-1>